

**County Library Board Meeting**  
**October 12, 2006**

The meeting came to order at 9:07 am with Chair, Evalyn Johnson; Vice Chair, Judy Brendel; Trustees, Pat Bradley and Donna Ohs; and Library Director, Joanne Erdall present. Trustee, Gary Forney was absent due to illness.

The minutes of the September 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting were read. A motion was made by Ohs to accept the minutes as read with a second from Bradley.

**Old Business:**

The contingency fund transfer into an interest bearing CD is still in process. More will be known by the next meeting.

Erdall reported that fourteen more boxes of Dick Pace's Golden Gulch are stored in the schoolhouse. This brings the total to forty full boxes and one partial. Board members took some more books to try to sell them to local stores in the area.

We were unable to take a picture of this year's Trustee Award recipient for an article in the local paper as he is out of the country for a couple of months.

**Financial Report:**

Time was spent overlooking the detailed budget report, current status of all accounts and discussion of line item expenditures.

**New Business:**

Erdall reported on the Fall Workshop classes offered in Lewistown this year. The Gates Foundation sponsored a full day workshop on keeping your patrons well connected. Erdall detailed the plan of action she outlined in this workshop which guides you to form new partnerships for the benefit of the library. The second day of workshops was a full day of computer troubleshooting, a very timely and helpful class. The State Library did a great job planning and conducting this retreat.

Erdall attended the first meeting of the MSC (Montana Shared Catalog) partnership meeting hosted by the Sheridan Public Library. All four Madison County Libraries are joining with public libraries in Whitehall and Three Forks to form this new partnership that we will call the MSC- 4 Rivers Partnership. A courier service will be provided by Lee's Office City out of Butte to move the library materials. We are also seeking more volunteers.

We set a building assessment timeline to be prepared and ready for presentation by the month of May. With Forney's absence the rest of this discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Upcoming trustee workshops are scheduled in Billings Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> and Missoula on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion of whether to charge a research fee was tabled until Forney had input.

Johnson asked if petty cash funds could be used to replace glass and repair picture frames holding the family photos of the Thompson and Hickman family members. She would like to re-hang these portraits in the entry way. Everyone was in agreement.

Erdall reported the following impressive patron statistics for May through September of 2006:

- May – 485
- June- 861
- July- 915
- August- 940
- September- 830

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. We left it up to Ohs to decide if we should continue to meet at 9:00 am or bump it up to 10:00 for the winter months as we have in the past. She thought we'd keep it at 9:00 for November and then change it in December.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.